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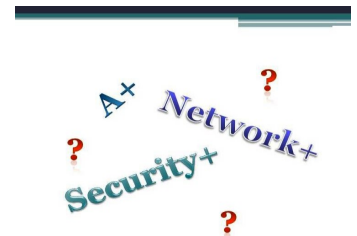


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EXPIRING VOUCHERS AVAILABLE FOR DA CIVILIANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

The Army CIO/G6 has Security+ , A+ and Network+ vouchers that will **expire on 17 July 2013**. If you have soldiers or DA Civilians that need to obtain one of the certifications above please make sure they are: 1. Registered in the Army Training and Certification Tracking System. 2. Completed the Information Assurance Fundamental Training located at <https://ia.signal.army.mil>. 3. Fill out a voucher request form with the signature of the originator, Supervisor and an appointed IAM (IAMII) or IAPM (IAMIII) or Commander with assumption of command letter attached. 4. Complete the measure up preassessment test for the requested exam voucher . 5. Their ATCTS manager must upload voucher request and pretest results in the individual's profile. The vouchers will be distributed until exhausted.

CISM tokens

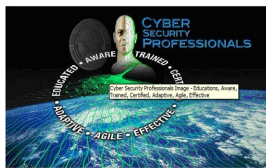
All CISM/CISA certified holders that paid their 2013 payment out of pocket can use the tokens in their ATCTS profile to apply against their 2014 payment once the window opens in Sep or Oct 2013. Once the CISM/CISA payment window opens in Sep or Oct 2014 please request a token instead of paying the fee out of pocket. Due to the recent extension of the CISM/CISA of the tokens ISACA will not let this office provide tokens to them to apply against 2013 out of pocket payments.

CASP VOUCHERS: THIS OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE CASP VOUCHERS. WE EXPECT TO ACQUIRE CASP VOUCHERS DURING FY 14.

Mobile Training Courses

The Army CIO/G6, Cybersecurity Directorate has partnered with the Communication and Electronic Command Training Division to host multiple training classes through September 2013. Classes are: CISSP, CISM, CASP, Network+ , A+ Security+ ACAS, Windows 7 and CCNA. Please ensure your COMSEC Account Managers (CAMs) attend the Network+ training in order to meet their level one certification requirement. A listing of the courses with their Points of Contact are posted on the ATCTS website. Individuals can contact one of the POCs to see if they have any vacant seats. Please remember that the required training listed in the IA Training and Certification Best Business Practice must be completed in order to attend the certification training classes. The team will administer the exams for CASP, Security+, A+ Net+, Windows 7 and CCNA on the last day of class. Military and DA Civilians can request vouchers for the Security+ and Net+ exams (if available) from the Army CIO/G6, Cybersecurity Training and Certification Branch as long as they have registered in the Army Training and Certification Tracking System , uploaded all documents in their ATCTS profile and completed all required training.





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QUESTIONS FROM THE IA COMMUNITY IN REFERENCE TO THE COMPTIA CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Question	Answer
What do I need to do since I missed the deadline to enroll in the CompTIA Continuing Education Program?	If the certification is required for your position then the certification must be retaken.
What will happen to my organization's certification compliance percentages for those individuals who did not enroll?	Compliance percentage will not be affected at this time. Army is working with CompTIA certified personnel in capturing corrections to their data in DMDC. However ,those that did not enroll needs to retake the exam before 1 August 2013 before the FISMA stats are reported.
How do I pull in my continuing education enrollment in my ATCTS profile and/or release my certification?	Go to https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dwc/index.jsp , login and click on "authorized release of certification", then COMPTIA, then "release additional certification" if you released your certification once. If you never released your certification enter your candidate ID number from your certification certificate from CompTIA. The name must be entered in DMDC the same way it was entered in CompTIA. Make sure your certification in DMDC is not in an "unknown" status.

OBTAINED COMPTIA CERTIFICATION on 1 JAN 2011 and thereafter

Question	
What happens if I pay all 3 years of annual dues; upload all required CPEs before the end of my 3 year period?	The new 3 year period will start at the expiration date on your certificate.

OBTAINED COMPTIA CERTIFICATION PRIOR TO 1 JAN 2011

Question	Answer 1	Answer 2	Answer 3
What happens if I pay all 3 years of annual dues; upload all required CPEs before the end of my 3 year period? The 3 year period begins on the date of Continuing Education enrollment.	Your next 3 year period starts the date after CompTIA approves all of your CPE credits so please do not upload all CPEs and pay before the end of the 3 years.	You will have the "CE" designator.	Army CIO/G6 will provide maintenance fee tokens if funding is available to help Military and DA civilians with this payment.



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CARNEGIE MELLON VIRTUAL TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (VTE) MOVES TO FedVte OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FedVte site: <https://www.fedvte-fsi.gov/Vte.Lms.Web/> is available .

New registrations: Your account needs to be approved by your VTE manager on the FedVte site. Most Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands and Direct Reporting Commands already have a VTE manager assigned. Please check with your IA Division for your manager. A list of managers are located on the ATCTS homepage under documents. If your FedVte manager is not listed please send an email to john.h.steward.ctr@mail.mil. **Mr. Steward will send you an invite to the FedVte system.**

All accounts on FedVTE must have a .mil email address so the training can import into their ATCTS profile. All accounts with personal email addresses such as Gmail and Yahoo will be inactivated. Accounts that belong to other services will be orphaned so their component POC can pull them under their purview. Questions can be directed to John Steward at 703-545-1618.

Certification Continuing Professional Education Credits

Security:

50 CPEs every 3 years
\$49.00 annually

CISSP: 120 CPEs every 3 years
At least 40 CPEs per year
\$85.00 annual dues

Network+:

30 CPEs every 3 years
\$49.00 annually

CAP

60 CPEs every 3 years
At least 10 CPES per year
\$65.00 annual dues

A+:

20 CPEs every 3 years
\$25.00 annually

CASP

75 CPEs every 3 years
\$49.00 annual dues

CISM and CISA:

At least 40 per year
Total: 120 CPEs every 3 years
\$85.00 annually (non members)
\$40.00 annually (members)

All GIAC: CPEs completed every 4 years:
<http://www.giac.org/certifications/renewal>—
\$100.00 annually OR 499.00 every 4 years
When entering CPE credits in your vendor's account (ISACA, ISC(2), etc), the CPE credit/s must align to the certification objectives.

Skillsoft or Skillport is CAQC

Skillsoft is now CompTIA Approved Quality Content (CAQC). What does this mean to the CompTIA certification holders? This means that more options are available for completing the continuing education requirements. Previously the CompTIA A+, Sec+ or Net+ courses could not be used for continuing education, well now they can. The completion certificate can be added under CAQC, Other IT Training Program in your CompTIA account on the CompTIA website. Between completing the IAF and the most recent CompTIA training in skillsoft your CompTIA continuing education credits will be completed for the 3 years.

Here's an example: To meet the Network+ CE requirements (30 CPEs) an individual can submit the Security+ 301 course (20 hours max for Net+ cert) under the CAQC qualifying activity and submit 10 CPEs under the Other IT Training Program or submit 9 hours under the Work experience area. Bottom line is, with skillsoft or skillport being CAQC approved this gives CompTIA another qualifying activity to submit some of their courses for meeting the continuing education. A document is located on the ATCTS homepage under "documents" that shows how the points match up for each certification or you can go to www.skillsoft.com/assets/credit/comptia_CEU_listing.xlsx.



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CompTIA 701 and 702 exams moving to 801 and 802 exams

The current version of the CompTIA A+ certification, [exam codes 220-701 and 220-702](#), will be available through Aug. 31, 2013 on the Pearson Vue Testing Center website. You can take either exam series to become CompTIA A+ certified. After this date IA Workforce personnel in Information Assurance Technical One positions must take the A+ 801 and 802 exams.

CompTIA A+ 220-801 covers the fundamentals of computer technology, installation and configuration of PCs, laptops and related hardware, and basic networking.

CompTIA A+ 220-802 covers the skills required to install and configure PC operating systems, as well as configuring common features (e.g. network connectivity and email) for mobile operating systems Android and Apple iOS.

The A+ 801 and 802 training modules are available in the Army E-Learning CIO/G6 folder. Individuals must enroll in the learning program for both modules first before going through the course modules. Individuals have until 30 June 2013 to complete the 701 and 702 modules in Army E-Learning.

Annual Maintenance Fee TOKENS available

The following tokens are available for military and civilians **only** to pay their annual certification maintenance fees.

CISM
Security+
A+
Network+

Individuals holding multiple CompTIA certifications (A+, Sec+ and Net+) will satisfy the AMF for the lower certifications by paying the highest certification AMF. The CPEs will be satisfied as well when All are completed for the highest Certification.

In order to receive a token to pay the AMF, the individual must fill out the voucher/amf request form located on the ATCTS homepage under documents. The form must be sent to the individual's ATCTS manger to upload into their ATCTS profile in the voucher request/pretest area.

This office cannot reimburse payment for tokens or vouchers purchased by the individual. Tokens will be provided for the highest certification only.



CompTIA.

The Army CIO/G6, Cyber security Directorate has the following vouchers available

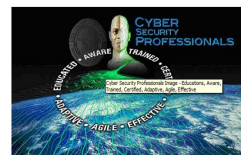
1. CISSP
2. Security+
3. Network+
4. A+
5. CISM



ARE YOU CERTIFIED AND TRAINED: Newly appointed IA personnel/hires (civilians and military) have six months from date of appointment to become fully qualified. Contractors must have a current DoD baseline certification upon contract award. Contractors has 6 months to complete the rest of the qualification requirements.



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Can I receive a voucher to take two types of certifications

Yes, if you change job duties and working functions that require a different type of certification.

Wide Network Security Focus training Update

The WNSF training: PED, Phishing, Safe Home Computing and PII are no longer required. Organizations have the option to use any one of the training to compliment the Cyber Awareness Challenge training if needed.

INFORMATION ASSURANCE FUNDAMENTAL (IAF) TRAINING

1. The 40 hour IAF training course located on the Fort Gordon website at <https://ia.signal.army.mil> counts as 40 CPE credits for the CISSP and Security+ certifications.
2. The training will be annotated under "Training-other IT industry" in the individual's CompTIA account.
3. The IA Fundamental course counts towards **16** CPE points for A+ certification and **24** CPE points for Network+.
4. CompTIA is checking to see how many points, if any, can go towards the CASP exam

A detailed listing of skillport, FedVte and DoD courses that counts as CompTIA CPE credits are located on the ATCTS homepage under documents. Title: CompTIA CPE course listing

Helpful Websites

<https://ia.signal.army.mil>: -Information Assurance Fundamentals

-DoD IA Awareness (complete steps 1 and 2)

-Mobile Training Team schedule (POC Joey Gaspard at joey.gaspard@us.army.mil)

FEDVTE: <https://www.fedvte-fsi.gov>

Over 35 IT/IA courses (instructor recorded training with labs). List of community managers are located on the ATCTS homepage. You must be invited into the system. If you do not see your community manager then contact john.h.steward.ctr@mail.mil for an invite into the system.

DMDC: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dwc/index.jsp>
(release certifications)

Army e-Learning: over 25,000+ courses. Military and Civilians can self register. Contractors must fill out the contractor request form located on the ATCTS homepage under documents.



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Questions regarding contracts

- Do you have contractors that perform IA support functions?
- Does their contract have the IA certification category and level requirements stated, per DoD 8570.01-M? The Performance of work (PWS) statement should state: "The contractors must comply with DFAR 252.239.7001." Additionally you can add the DoD and Army requirements in the PWS as well.
- Is their contract number listed in their ATCTS profile?
- Is there a DD254 on file for all classified contracts or contracts that requires access to classified material?

Questions regarding Civilian and Military personnel

- Is the IA certification category and level requirement stated in the position description and the HR hiring checklist as a condition of employment?
- Is the soldier or DA civilian made aware of the type of certification/s and/or certificate of training required for their position?
- Does the command offer remedial training if testing is unsuccessful and ensures that the Army retraining requirements are adhered to?
- Does the supervisor mentor throughout the certification process?
- Does the supervisor counsel the individual as appropriate?



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**Upcoming updates to the Army Training and
Certification Tracking System—4th QTR 13**

1. **Class Registration Function:** Provide an interface for users to sign up for classes (MTT classes)

2. **Self Activation :** If a user is attempting to login with their CAC and their account is inactive, allow them to select their HQ and Signal Command alignment and re-activate their own account.

3. **Update Questionnaire with Position Functions**

4. **Moving Users:** include an additional field where the requestor could state in maybe 150 characters or less

the reason for requesting a record be moved so that managers know why the request is being initiated and can react accordingly. Examples include a change of station, a change of organization within the installation, or a reservist/guard member civilian employee who has to report to another unit for drill or deployment in an active status and needs to move their record to that unit (Ralph Connor).

6. **Users at a location for 60-90 days:** When requesting a find and move user, their manager can view the following and select cancel afterwards (This should help FORSCOM's request)

A. Cyber Awareness Challenge training

B.. Baseline certs (verified)

C. Date of last AUP

D. Date of appointment letter

Upcoming new courses to the Virtual Training Site

<https://ia.training.us.army.mil>

Privileged User IA Responsibilities

Designated Accrediting authority (DDA) version 10.0

Intrusion Detection System Analysis Part 4

Intrusion Detection System Analysis Part 3

SRGs and STIGs



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE GLOBE



www.dhs.gov/cyber

Key Cyber Risk Management Concepts

Incorporate cyber risks into existing risk management and governance processes.

Cybersecurity is NOT implementing a checklist of requirements; rather it is managing cyber risks to an acceptable level. Managing cybersecurity risk as part of an organization's governance, risk management, and business continuity frameworks provides the strategic framework for managing cybersecurity risk throughout the enterprise.



TIP OF THE DAY

[HTTP://WWW.SANS.ORG/TIP_OF-THE_DAY.PHP#447](http://www.sans.org/tip_of-the_day.php#447)

Avoid opening email attachments

If you **MUST** open an attachment received in an email, make sure the email was sent from a known source. Read the accompanying email text to make sure it really sounds like it came from the apparent sender — check for a signature and other recognized patterns.

Us-Cert: United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team

Google has released Google Chrome 27.0.1453.116 for all Chrome OS devices to address a vulnerability. This vulnerability could allow a remote attacker to obtain sensitive information.

US-CERT encourages users and administrators to review the Google Chrome release [blog entry](#) and follow best practice security policies to determine which updates should be applied.

DISA IA Classroom Training

IA training for security, baseline certification under DoD 8570.01-M, CND Tools, SRR Walk-Through, RaD-X, DoD IA Boot Camp and VMS schedule of course are located at https://powhatan.iie.disa.mil/10classroom_training/index.html. CAC PKI login required through <http://iase.disa.mil/index2.html>